

House Resolution No. 92

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives firmly believe that Alzheimer's disease prevention, treatment, and care are important issues facing all citizens; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and degenerative disease of the brain that poses the most serious threat to the health and well-being of America's senior citizens; and

Whereas, approximately 4.5 million Americans, including more than 100,000 Missourians, suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which is expected to reach 11-16 million people by 2050; and

Whereas, an abnormal part of the aging process, Alzheimer's disease is a brain disease that results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior; and

Whereas, over the past twenty years, immense progress has been made in understanding Alzheimer's disease and its risk factors, but more research and understanding is still necessary to find a cure; and

Whereas, on January 21, 2004, PBS will air "The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's", a two-hour television special aimed at helping people better understand and cope with Alzheimer's disease; and

Whereas, the cornerstone of the project is a ninety-minute documentary based on David Shenk's best-selling book The Forgetting, which is a dramatic, compassionate, all-encompassing look at Alzheimer's that weaves together the history and biology of the disease, the intense, real-world experiences of Alzheimer's patients and care givers, and the race to find a cure:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to PBS and to all those individuals dedicated to the prevention, treatment, and care of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and in wishing them the very best in their efforts to find a cure for this debilitating disease; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "The Forgetting: A Portrait of Alzheimer's".

Offered by _____
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser
District No. 83

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 92, adopted January 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker